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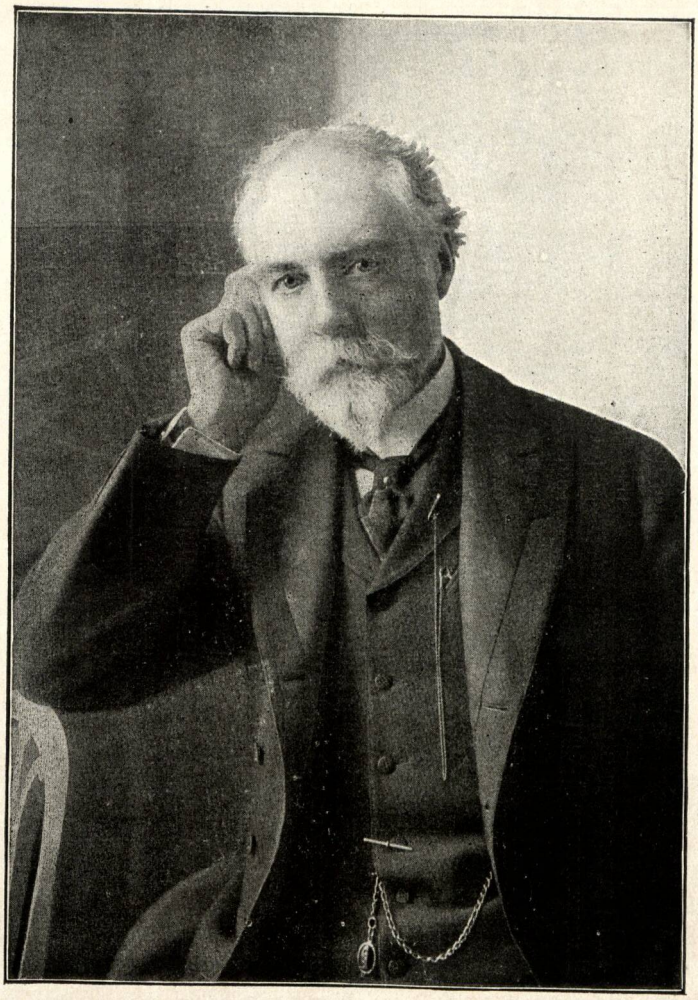
INTRODUCTORY.

THE PUBLIC is herewith presented with the Anniversary Souvenir of the educational and business interests of Oxford. Although hastily prepared it represents to some extent the educational advantages and business interests of the town, and gives to the visitor a detailed program of the events of the commencement season.

Oxford has many natural advantages. Situated in one of the most healthful regions of the growing west, on a leading thoroughfare of travel, eleven hundred feet above the level of the sea and surrounded by a region of country of remarkable beauty and healthfulness, it is known far and wide as an ideal residence town.

The influence of the famous institution of learning has created an atmosphere of refinement and intelligence seldom equaled in a place of its size. Its citizens live in quiet and unostentatious style, free from the crash and rush of the great city while enjoying many privileges, such as lecture concerts, entertainments and social functions.

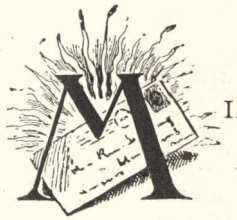
Municipal ownership has been proven suceessful in the model electric light and water plants, while its corporation affairs are carried in an efficient and economical manner by its Mayor and town Council.



Hon. Whitelaw Reid, LL. D.

CLASS OF 1856.

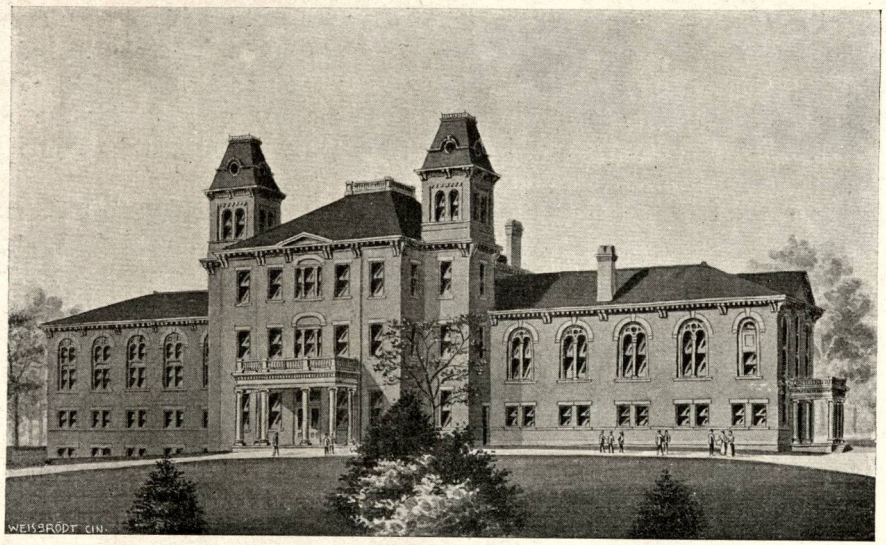
MIAMI UNIVERSITY.



IAMI UNIVERSITY today extends most cordial greeting and a hearty welcome to all returning alumni and former students, and to the many friends and visitors who grace the occasion of the Diamond Anniversary. The congratulations received from many sources upon the history of three quarters of a century and the work accomplished at Miami add to the pleasure of those whose hearts have been enlisted in the preparation for this week. The return of so many friends to the scenes of their college days will bring to them a new affection for the old college which has been so justly famed for the public services of her sons. We have now come to a jubilee day when the children shall rise up and call her blessed.

Every established institution has gathered about it memories, traditions and a history that become more sacred with the passing of the years. In this regard Miami is peculiarly happy. Founded through the inspiration of the immortal ordinance of 1787, she joins her history with that legislation which gave so liberally to public education. Indeed the great common school idea received its development and encouragement from the same source that provided for the land endowment of Miami. It was natural therefore that Miami should from the start take on a public spirit. The institution did not begin with any local sentiment or with a desire to further the interests of a particular church or community. The spirit of the ordinance of 1787 moved the U. S. Congress to do sonmething for higher education on the acknowledged principle that "religion and morality being essential to good government schools and the means of education should be forever encouraged." This broad ground of public policy put into the early Miami the spirit and belief that a man educated at public expense owed the state some service. This right of the state to the service of its educated men may not be more absolute than the right to their military service, but as it rests on a different basis it reveals the moral obligation of the educated citizen to measure up to his duty. The roll call of Miami's alumni show how enthusiastically they met this requirement. Schenck, Dickey, Anderson, Dennison, Cerro Gordo Williams, Harrison, McClurg, Millikin, Thruston, Fullerton, Billings, Runkle and

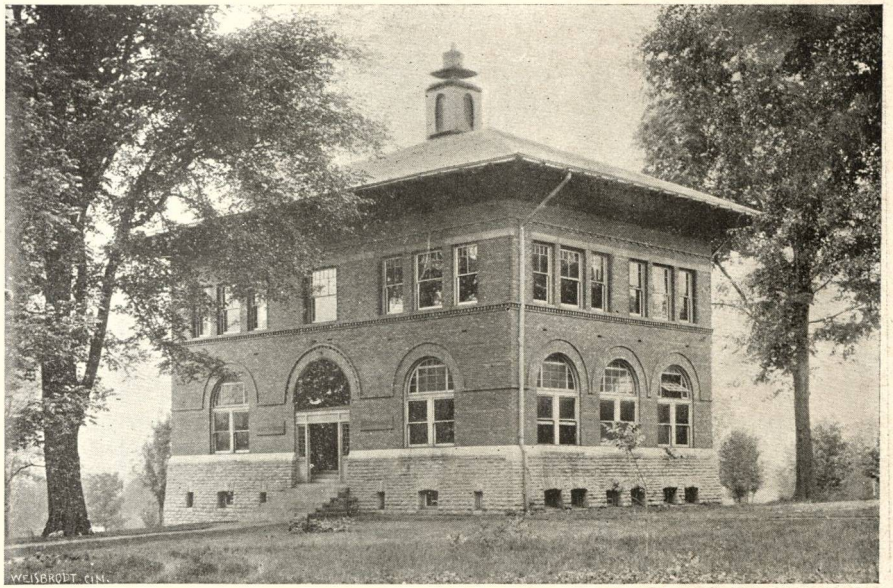
Porter are names in the soldier list that need no comment. On the other side we see our southern sons of distinguished service and bravery. Duncan Farrar Kenner, Hearst, J. J. McRae, Duncan, Joseph R. Davis, nephew of Jefferson Davis, Joel Allan Battle, and others whose less familiar names by no means indicate a less enthusiastic devotion to public service.



In other departments of public life we recall the names of James Birney, Charles Anderson, R. P. Lowe, Wm. Dennison and Oliver P. Morton, all governors either just before or during the war. Governor Charles H. Hardin has left in Missouri a good name both as Governor and philanthropist. McDill and Pugh, Shellabarger and Groesbeck, Reynolds and Cary, Courtland Cushing and Gen. J. B. Leake are men distinguished in public life. In educational circles it is refreshing to call the roll of ministers and teachers. David A. Wallace and Henry M. MacCracken as college presidents need no praise at the hands of their fellow alumni. There are thousands who know their work.

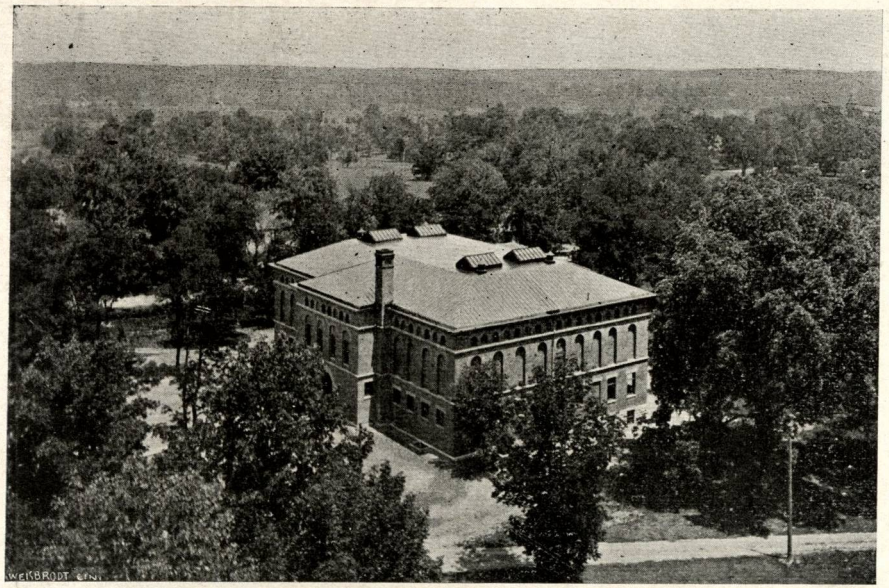
In the ministry we find the Pressleys, the Thomsons, Chidlaw, Bullard, Monfort, Robertson, Jared M.

Stone, Thomas E. Thomas, S. S. Laws, Harmar Denny, (Catholic Priest,) S. T. Lowrie, J. H. Brookes, David Swing, the Fullertons, Kumler, McSurely, David Steele, Worden, Walker, and many others whose lives have attested their worth. In other departments Miami's sons have made for themselves places worthy of mention here. At this Jubilee time it is well however, to turn attention to the new life, that has grown up about the old institution. No radical departure has been made from the best history and traditions of the past but an earnest effort has been put forth to have the new Miami meet the problems of the present as "Old Miami" met the problems of fifty years ago. The closing of the institution in 1873 made a distinct break in the life of the college. After a decade educational conditions had changed. Many of the alumni had formed associations with other colleges. Their sons had been educated at other colleges. The reopening was almost equivalent to the starting of a new College.



Meantime there had been a great modification and change in the college ideal. The rush to large

centers had begun. With the advent of modern business methods came the department store theory of education. Miami had never been a department store. She had stood for well defined ideals in education. She still stands for them and is steadily winning her place. The confidence of the public and of educators is steadily growing from year to year. The young men who have graduated since the reopening are the best evidence of the character of the institution. A glance at the Alumni Catalogue of 1899 will reveal the fact that the younger men are pursuing their work with dignity and efficiency. They are taking their places in the professional and business world in such a way as to reflect credit on their education. A few years more will place these men in positions of strength and influence. They will be the proof of the wisdom of reopening the college. They stand today rejoicing in this jubilee occasion as full of enthusiasm for Alma Mater as any of the earlier alumni.



The Faculty is now the largest in the history of the college. The policy has been to create departments as they could be supported and call to them men who have had special training for the work. In one

sense Miami's Faculty is a group of specialists. They are men specially trained for the work who have had University experience under the best opportunities of the day. But they are more than this. They have been selected with a view to their fitness as teachers in a small college and their ability to bring before the students the best in educational theory and practice. There are few colleges in the west where a Faculty works under better conditions or where with the same teaching force the departments are so well arranged.

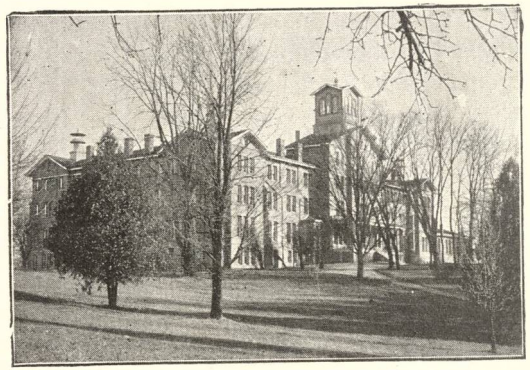
The material equipment of the college now speaks for itself. Modern life demands that the conditions under which men are educated shall be such as may be approved. Miami has steadily advanced in this regard. The work began with the appropriation made by the state at the reopening. The late Senator Calvin S. Brice, LL. D of the class of 1863 made the science building a fact. It was then necessary. It has now proved inadequate and serves to emphasize the need of another building. The recent improvements providing steam, electricity, water and sewerage have added greatly to the comfort and convenience of the students. The enlargement of the buildings and the improvements in the Chapel and recitation rooms make Miami one of the best appointed small colleges in the west.

The opening next September promises to be the most encouraging since 1885 when the institution was reopened. We invite the visitors and friends to examine the facilities here for education. Correspondence is always solicited. We ask the alumni and former students to keep in touch with the College by having their correct addresses always on file in the President's office. Miami welcomes you today and wishes your stay in these classic surroundings may be as pleasant to you as it has been to the University and citizens of Oxford.

Alumnae Hall. Main Building.

The Western College.

THE WESTERN COLLEGE AND SEMINARY.



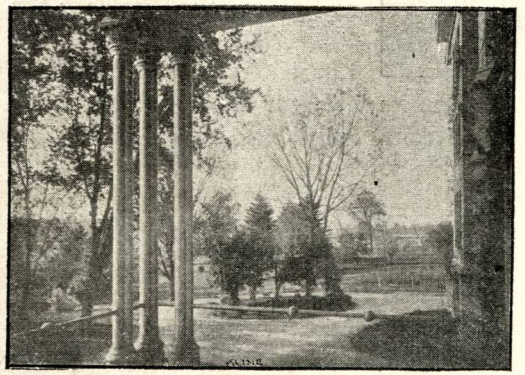
Some thirty years after Miami began her work, a few men and women living in Oxford, felt that women, as well as men, should have opportunities for higher education. In response to their appeals, gifts of land and money were made, and in 1855, a building was dedicated and opened.

Mimiss Helen Peabody became the first Principal of the Seminary. She had to a remarkable degree the qualities of an organizer. For thirty-three years, she stood at the helm and guided the Seminary through many a storm. In 1888, Miss Peabody resigned her position. As Principal Emeritus, she resides in Pasadena, Cal.

No college has been more successful in its choice of an executive, than was The Western in its second President, Miss Leila S. McKee. Under her direction, the course of study and entrance requirements have steadily advanced. In 1895, a college charter was granted and the name of the institution was changed to "The Western, a College and Seminary for Women." Miss McKee became the first President of The Western and the first woman college president in Ohio. Since 1895 the curriculum has advanced until now there is a higher standard for entrance than in most of the colleges of the State, and The Western has the reputation of being the best separate college for women in the West.

A visitor to The Western is impressed by its beauty of situation. There are two imposing buildings situated in an extensive campus of sixty-five acres. Alumnae Hall was erected in 1892 at a cost of $50,000. From the laboratories on the ground floor, to the art rooms on the upper story all is well arranged. The library which occupies the entire north end of the building, is circular in shape and contains twelve alcoves, with a capacity for 120,000 volumes. From the windows of Alumnae Hall, one looks out upon the athletic field, where tennis courts and golf links show that physical development is not neglected.

The friends of The Western believe in its future. Its past has been richly blessed and the future will bring a larger share of usefulness and influence.



Looking North From The Western.

Oxford College.

OXFORD COLLEGE.

XFORD COLLEGE is the largest boarding-school for women in Ohio. This famous old institution was organized in the year of 1846 by the Rev. J. W. Scott, D. D., father-in-law of Gen. Benjamin Harrison, ex-President of the United States. It was chartered in 1849. The Main Building is a beautiful and commodious structure. It is three and four stories above the basement, and has a large garret for the accommodation of students' trunks. It has a frontage of two hundred feet, and is one hundred and eleven feet deep, exclusive of porches. It contains a beautiful chapel, an art hall, a library, scientific hall, calisthenic hall, a large dining-room, many practice rooms, and has accommodations for about one hundred and fifty boarders. It is furnished with a passenger elevator, which is in use twelve hours per day. The whole building is heated by steam and lighted with electricity. Everything about the building is arranged for the supreme objects of convenience and healthfulness. Every room is a pleasant one, and there is a transom over every door.

The view of the surrounding country from the third story windows and from the observatory is most delightful. For miles and miles around the eye rests upon a diversified landscape of remarkable beauty.

With its convenient location (only two squares from the station) its beautiful grounds, its long, wide piazzas stretching around three sides of the building, its excellent family government, its generous table, and its Faculty of cultured teachers, this College offers rare advantages to those who have daughters to educate. Neither pains nor expense have been spared in the equipment of the school, to have everything of the very first order.

This College is a HOME, not a convent or a prison; and everything possible will be done to make the student's life contented, cheerful and happy. The young ladies are treated as daughters of a common family. The government is mild but firm. Prompt and willing obedience is expected. A watchful and

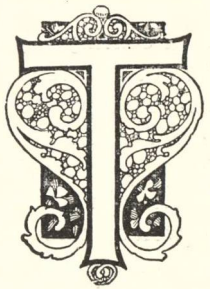
paternal care will be exercised over the students at all times. All are under the immediate direction of the President and his wife, from whom they receive constant care in all respects.

Thorough intellectual culture is combined with the most careful social and religious training in the refinement of a Christian home. Overpressure, so detrimental to health and real scholarship, is avoided.

Oxford College—The Library

OXFORD RETREAT

THE OXFORD RETREAT.



HE OXFORD RETREAT, situated in the southern suburb of the town, is a private hospital for the treatment of mental and nervous disorders, inebriety and the opium habit. G. F. Cook. M. D., is physician in charge and R. Harvey Cook, M. D., assistant physician. This institution has facilities and advantages that are unsurpassed for the proper care and treatment of all forms of the above named disorders. Careful attention is given to the proper classification of patients, averaging one attendant to every four patients. Personal supervision is given at all hours. Patients are furnished with every needed convenience and any accommodations are given that may be desired. It is retired and homelike, while its site is elevated, beautiful and salubrious. The Oxford Retreat has been in active operation for thirteen years, and is firmly established in the confidence of the people, and has the support and hearty indorsement of the medical profession. It is known as a progressive, conservative, and thoroughly reliable institution. The Retreat is beautifully located, retired, but of easy access, surrounded by forty acres of lawn, garden, and natural forest. The building is substantial and commodious; well arranged, and is supplied with every needed convenience and comfort of home. The building is so arranged as to afford a suitable classification of patients. The Retreat is for both men and women.

The Pines is a private sanitarium for the treatment of nervous disorders, and for alcoholic and narcotic habitues, for women only. It is a modern home in all its appointments, lighted by electricity and heated by steam. It has perfect sanitation. It is retired and at the same time easily accessible.

Every facility is here provided for the proper treatment of all forms of nervous disorders as well as the morphine habit. Careful personal supervision is given at all times. Patients are allowed every needed convenience and such accommodations as may be desired. This institution is under the same control and medical management as the Oxford Retreat. Address all communications to Dr. G. F. Cook, Oxford Ohio.

BUSINESS INTERESTS.

ROWING up around its educational institutions, for three quarters of a century, Oxford possesses many attractions as a place of residence. The population of the fertile country surrounding the town and the residents of the town, itself, are the supporters of its trade. Considering the close proximity to the cities and the fact that the temptation to trade in a large commercial center is inviting, our business men have an excellent trade. The staples and the novelties are found on their counters in variety and completeness. The wants of the table and of the household, as well as personal needs, are supplied by the local merchants. The character of Oxford business men is one of the strong reasons for their success. Apart from the busy whirl of a great trade center, the ordinary town is apt to sink into a condition of commercial apathy, but customers of refined tastes and exacting wants compel the merchant to be ever on the alert to meet these demands. The integrity of our storekeepers is unquestioned. The elevating influences of college associations have given them personal qualifications that make dealings with them a delight. Their shops are always neat and orderly in arrangement and they display the best their limited facilities will allow. The names of representative firms will be found in the following columns and they invite the reader to inspect their stocks and make their selections.

F. R. Snyder, our Photographer.

F. R. Snyder is the proprietor of one of the most thoroughly equipped Photograph Galleries in this country. This worthy firm enjoys the entire trade of this community, including the schools. They make anything from a locket or button Photo, to a life size. In addition to their Photo business, they do a wholesale and retail Portrait and frame business shipping their products to all parts of the United States. Patrons both at home and abroad know the work turned out by this firm will be only of the best quality and up to date in every particular.

To keep up to the times in Photography is no small matter as almost every day brings forth something new. It is almost a source of wonder to know where this firm gets all their new ideas as they are constantly puzzling the people with something new and attractive. Among their productions are their wonderful large portraits which they make chiefly for the wholesale trade. Their high grade Platino and Carbon effects, Crayons and water colors are unsurpassed.

Another interesting feature is the framing department. To frame a picture in a suitable frame and know what is best for all sorts and kinds of pictures requires extraordinary taste. The above firm makes a study of this particular branch and we must say that they are well paid for their study. Their production from this department show extraordinary taste and superior workmanship.

In conclusion and to make a long story short, we will say that anything in the line of Photographs, Crayons, Water colors, Picture Frames, Cameras, Kodaks, and amateur supplies may be had at F. R. Snyder's, The Photographer, Oxford.

Oxford Cash Grocery

Among the most progessive business firms in Oxford is the Oxford Cash Grocery. As the name suggests, the policy of this firm is to sell goods for cash only. No books are kept. Thus the expense of conducting the business is reduced to the lowest point, while the careful buying of fine goods in large quantities enables this house to sell at extremely low prices.

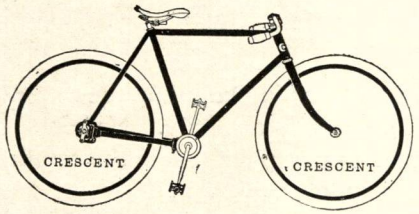
Mr. Charles G. Shera, the manager, is a gentleman of large experience in mercantile affairs and possesses that push and energy which brings success in all lines of trade. Having spent his early life in Oxford and vicinity, he is well known and popular with all classes. The uniform courtesy on the part of the employees of his firm make it a pleasure to deal with them. On their shelves will always be found a full line of staple and fancy groceries, fruits, vegetables, confectionery, cigars, tobacco etc. Persons desiring to secure special wholesale rates on large quantities of supplies will do well to call on this firm before purchasing.

A. Beaugureau's Emporium.

A. Beaugureau's Emporium is one of the Institutions of Oxford which is far more appreciated by strangers and visitors than by our own people. It comprises a Book and Stationary Department, an Art Department, which with the art work executed by the Misses Wuille, and the Picture Framing, and Artists' Materials, is more complete than is generally found in large cities; a News Department containing the best and the latest periodicals; and another Department containing Toys, Games and Fancy Goods which, especially during the holiday season, brings people from a distance. Mr. Beaugureau, the proprietor, has been in Oxford since 1865. He was for eighteen years, the teacher of the Art Department of Oxford College, but now gives all his time and attention to the Oxford Emporium.

The Oxford Hardware Co.

Are dealers in builder's hardware and all that pertains to that business. They always keep on hand a complete stock of tinware, paints, oils, varnishes, window glass, iron wagon material, bicycles and sundries. Are you fond of fishing? They have rods and tackle at all prices. And a great variety of other specialities. They sell the celebrated Crescent bicycles. There are none better at any price. Although their prices are exceedingly low they do not deal in "cheap John" goods. The way to sell goods is to make the prices right and the quality right, and then there is no trouble in making a satisfactory selection. Call and see them before buying, and they will show you some very tempting bargains.



Tucker & Coulter, Daily Meat Market.

You know the delight in dealing at a clean butcher shop. They aim to have their store always sweet and clean. Whatever the meat needs of your table are, call on them and they can supply you. They have

always on hand meats, carefully selected by their buyer, and prepared for the cook by experienced butchers. Drop in and see them when you are marketing and they will do their best to please you.

Clough & Beaton Dry Goods

Clough & Beaton while glad to see new faces among their Dry Goods customers, and they have that pleasure frequently these days, are especially concerned to please their old customers. We feel under obligation to them for continued patronage, think they deserve at our hands the best we can give. And so our effort is never to sell a thing above its value, never to put upon the market inferior articles for advertising effect, to never in any way take advantage of confidence in us. It does not follow of course that no mistakes are made, that a defective article may not pass our counters, but that our long experience reduces these to the fewest in number possible, and that a quick amend is made for anything of the kind reported. No amount of confidence in us however, will make up for a lack of the articles in demand; here again our experience has taught us, and we are buyers in many markets; know where to get the newest as well as the older things at best advantage. Ask here for the new things you would like to see, they may be in stock; if not they are within easy reach.

Munns & Gerber, Merchant Tailors

The name of Munns and Gerber on a garment is a guarantee of excellent quality and fine workmanship. This firm has a fine reputation for honest dealing and superior values in their line. They can show you goods that will meet the desire of the most fastidious taste. They have recently added a line of Ready Made Clothing, from which you may select garments that are seasonable and made in the latest styles. No shoddy goods find place in their store. Men's, Youths' and Children's clothing in complete lines.

The idea that gents' furnishers ask extravagant prices is seen to be a mistake when you learn the prices on their stylish neckwear. Their hats are of the latest patterns and you pay more money for the same blocks in the big city stores. They live in Oxford and pay taxes here. Give them your patronage.

The Oxford News Co., Printers and Publishers.

The Oxford News Co. occupies the second floor of the Bank building and of the Davis block. It has one of the most thoroughly equipped newspapers and general book and job printing offices in any town of two thousand inhabitants in the United States.

The Oxford News Co, publishes THE OXFORD NEWS, an eight page weekly newspaper. It also prints *The Miami Student*, a monthly college magazine published by students of Miami University; *The Oxford Collegian*, the student publication of Oxford College, and *The Western Oxford*, a quarterly magazine published by the students of the Western College.

The Oxford News Co. also prints the catalogues of the Colleges and a large line of general book and job printing.

Wilbur L. Warner.

GENERAL MANAGER THE OXFORD NEWS CO.

A little over one year ago The Oxford News Co., purchased a C. B. Cottrell book press. This machine is one of the latest and best results of the recent improvement in press making. It is a two revolution cylinder press with four form rollers fine table distribution and front delivery. This press does the finest half tone and color work with great rapidity. THE NEWS Co has also put in a modern stitching and binding machine which enables the firm to turn out all kinds of catalogues and book work on short notice.

Visitors are always welcome in THE NEWS office where the exchanges will be found, also paper and envelopes for those wishing to write to friends.

Turner. Barrere. James J. S. Hunter, Manager.

J. W. Marquardt,
Phys. Dir. Remington, Scott, Grulee, Howland, Lang.
Beckett, Krebs, Witter, Wolfe, Bishop, Lane.
Stevens, McKee, P. D. Keys, Capt. Reeder, Lewis, Coulter.

Miami University Track Team, 1899

Johnston Bros. & Co., Contractors and Builders.

Have you ever thought of the large number of well built houses in Oxford? One of the leading contracting firms which has helped to bring about this result is that of Johnston Bros. and Co. They are prepared to submit contracts on all classes of buildings, and at prices that are very tempting to those that desire to build or remodel houses. A large part of the work on the Main Building of Miami University has been done by this enterprising firm. They enjoy the confidence of the business men in Oxford, and their work is of the highest order. The houses of some of the professors in the schools and of our merchants bear testimony to their taste in architecture.

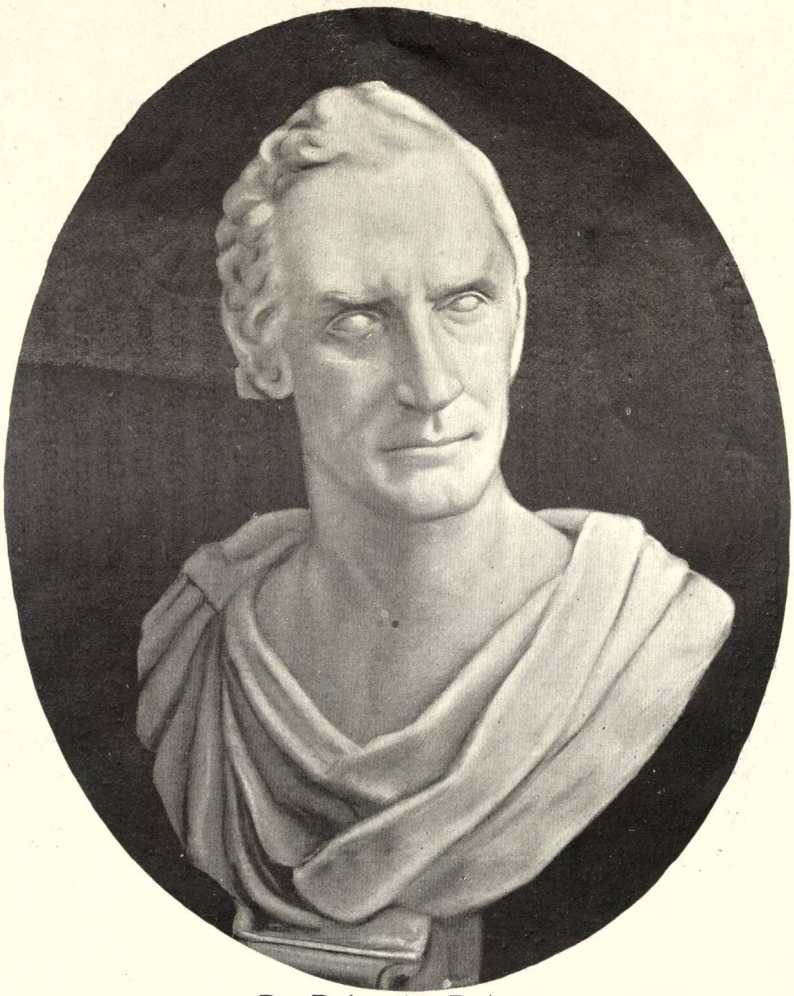
They have constantly on hand a large supply of Shingles, Lumber, Lath, Sewer Pipe, Cement, Lime and Coal. Move "out of the old house into the new" which Johnston Bros. & Co. will build for you at the most reasonable figures.

F. A. Schweeting, Jeweler and Optician.

Prismoptometer is a long word but not half so long as the list of people whose eyes have been tested and fitted by its use under the skillful management of Mr. F. A. Schweeting. Although a jeweler by trade Mr. Schweeting is also a fine musician and an engraver. Having traveled widely in Europe and America he has cultivated the tastes of a connoisseur in all kinds of artistic jewelry and bric-a-brac. Parties desiring to secure clocks, watches, spectacles, eye glasses or anything in the line of jewelry will find it to their interest to consult him before purchasing.

Oxford Tannery and Harness Co.

Oxford Tannery and Harness Co. is the name of a firm that has established an enviable reputation for honesty and handling a high grade of goods. In the early years of the business—it has been carried on about nineteen years—the tanning was a special feature. Now it deals in harness and leather. Peter P. Flanagan conducts the business in the old stand on the north side of the public square. He sells hand made goods of excellent quality. and will be pleased to show you some excellent bargains.

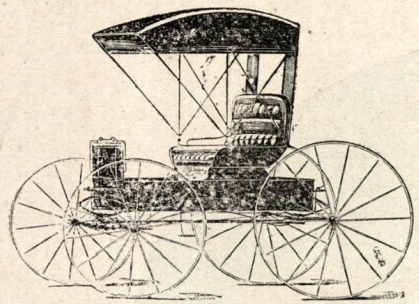


Dr. Robert H. Bishop

FIRST PRESIDENT MIAMI UNINERSITY,

From the Original Bust Made by Hiram Powers, 1845.

T. C. Vawter, Dealer in Buggies.



One of the most energetic of Oxford's business men is Mr. Vawter, the proprietor of the large business opened this Spring which bears his name. For three years previous to coming to Oxford, he was connected with the Parry Manufacturing Co., the largest builders of vehicles in the world. At the beginning he was connected with the manufacture of the goods of that concern, becoming familiar with the quality and cost of material necessary to turn outfirst class vehicles. He afterward took the position of traveling salesman and became conversant with the methods of marketing goods.

Mr. Vawter does not confine himself to any one make or quality, but handles all makes, styles and grades. He purchases goods in car load lots and discounts all bills giving his customers the benefit of every item of economy. He carries a large and elegant stock of vehicles and harness which are sold either for cash or payments. One of his special drivers is a leather quarter top buggy, panel, spring back, cloth trimmed, etc., at $36.36. During the months of April and May he reports the sale of fifty-six vehicles, all of which are giving perfect satisfaction. Two large store rooms in the Stork and Gath buildings, opening on the public square, are used to exhibit the immense stock which is constantly on hand.

Mr. Vawter is a shrewd and active business man, a close buyer, a large advertiser, and guarantees his goods to give complete satisfaction and be equal to every representation made concerning them.

He will give you more and better goods for less money than anyone else. See him before supplying your wants in the vehicle or harness line.

Oxford Buggy Co.

George W. Meyer, the genial proprietor of the Oxford Buggy Company, has for years been well know to the citizens of Oxford and the surrounding country as the manufacturer of fine buggies, surries, wagons and

vehicles of all kinds. He also carries on an extensive repair shop where repair work is done in wood and iron. In addition to the above, Mr. Meyer handles bicycles and is prepared to do expert bicycle repair work on short notice, and reasonable terms. He has provided himself with an annealing oven, and can enamel bicycle frames. By this process the frames of old wheels which have gone out of style can be cut down to modern dimensions and conformed to the prevailing style. Defective or broken parts of bicycles can also be supplied by this firm, who keep on hand a full line of repair material.

D. W. Stephenson, Hardware.

Another of the well known and long established firms in Oxford is the D. W. Stephenson Hardware and Harness stock. In the room now occupied by Mr. Stephenson, a hardware store has been located for more than 40 years, and he has been in this business for seventeen years. As the needs of the people have required, improvements and additions have been made, until now it has one of the most complete stocks of first class goods ever carried in Oxford. Other important lines belonging to this business will be added from time to time. Investigation has proved that the prices of this concern are always reasonable for the high class of goods that are always to be found on their shelves.

J. W. Wallace Meat Market.

J. W. Wallace is the oldest meat merchant in the village of Oxford. He has always kept up to a high standard, and has everything in the butcher line. He buys his stock in this vicinity, and does his butchering here, and distributes his money here. The aim of this firm is to keep Fresh and Salt meats of the highest quality constantly on hand. Fine lard home rendered, is made a speciality.

Oxford Telephone Co.

The Oxford telephone company is an organization of our citizens who own and operate the telephone system of the town. Any citizen or business firm putting in a telephone and erecting a line to the exchange

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PUBLIC WORKS.

XFORD is justly proud of her public works. The Electric Light and Water plants are the property of the village and are operated for the benefit of the property owners within the corporation. They are managed by a board elected for this purpose. The present board consists of O. J. Pfeifer, S. H. Allen and A. W. Garrod. These gentlemen deserve high commendation for the fine condition in which the property is kept and the careful management given to the financial affairs of the board.

The Electric Light plant was authorized by a vote of the citizens in 1888, and its construction was completed July 4th 1889. The system comprises a duplicate boiler plant with a capacity of three hundred and thirty-five hose power and an engine with a capacity of one hundred and fifty hose power, the full capacity of which is required in lighting the village. There are fifty-eight street lamps, forty-three of which are arc lights. The Company furnishes light to the churches, schools, colleges, The Retreat every business house in town besides sixty-five private houses, making a total of twenty-eight hundred lights and using over ten miles of wire. This system is conducted at an annual expense of six thousand dollars. The erection of the water plant was authorized by an election held in September, 1895, empowering the trustees to issue bonds to the value of twenty-five thousand dollars. In the Spring of 1896, additional bonds were authorized amounting to fifteen thousand dollars additional. The water plant was completed and put in operation on the fifteenth day of June, 1896. The water is supplied from a well which taps an underground stream of pure spring water near the channel of the Talawanda. The most careful chemical and bachtereological analysis has proved the water to be exceptionally pure, and free from germs of all kinds.

The system has a capacity of one and one half million gallons per day. A large battery of boilers and two powerful engines are used to pump the water supply. About seven miles of pipe and water mains have

been laid. There are forty-five double fire hydrants, eight private hydrants, and two hundred private consumers. The plant is operated at an annual expense of nineteen hundred dollars, which will compare favorably with the expense of any other plant similarly situated.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Ever since Oxford has had a school, good work has been done and her sons in distant states always cherish pleasant memories of the village school and faithful teachers. Many of the former superintendents are yet living. Among them, Rev. Henry Brown, now a resident of Minnesota, Capt. Charley Dennis, of Portsmouth, O., Jacob A. Zeller, now of the Illinois State University and W. H. Stewart, Superintendent of Martin's Ferry schools. Under the management of Mr. Stewart, the High School was begun and has been from the first, productive of much good result. In 1887 the present fine building was completed and occupied in the Fall. In 1892 Mr. Stewart resigned and C. W. McClure, the present superintendent was appointed. Under his management the high character and good work of the school has been faithfully continued. The graduates of the school rank well in the Colleges which they attend. Others are occupying honorable positions of trust from Maine to California.

The grounds, beautifully located, consist of four acres, planted with thriving shade trees, conducing to the happiness and good health of the pupils. The school has been singularly fortunate in the teaching force, by far the greater proportion being college graduates or having had college teaching.

The elementary and grammar schools are thoroughly classified rather on the grouping plan than on the lock-slip graded system. Pupils are encouraged to do conscientious work and develop the power of industrious application because of prospect of advancement at any time they may show ability to do the work of the next group. The character of the High School and its hold on the community is attested by the fact that it enrolls nearly 18 per cent of the whole school. An unusual number especially when there are three other preparatory schools in the village.

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